

Agenda Item Number: 2006-5-2A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: May 9, 2006

Department: Commissioner Alan B. Armijo Staff Contact: Mary Salazar, Commission Asst., District 1

TITLE: Proclamation declaring the month of May as "ALS Awareness Month"

ACTION: Presentation of Proclamation

SUMMARY:

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's disease" is a fatal neuromuscular disease that occurs when motor nerve cells cease to function and die. It is critical to the struggle to defeat this terrible disease and that leaders of our New Mexico Communities become educated on ALS and the issues confronting those who are affected by it – the ALS patients, their family members, friends, caregivers and the healthcare community. The Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners supports the increase of awareness and proclaims the month of May 2006 as "ALS Awareness Month."

ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft of Proclamation